

WHEREAS, the hallmarks of a great democracy include government transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, public oversight is the ultimate safeguard of that democracy; and

WHEREAS, the free flow of information from the government to the people instills trust and confidence in our democracy and ensures that our government is accessible, accountable and open; and

WHEREAS, we must strive to further educate and empower the public on their right to access government documents, information and meetings,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim March 16 - 22, 2008 as

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throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-seventh day of February Two Thousand and Eight.

John E. Baldacci Governor

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